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ABSTRACT

Publicity materials and a brief program description of the 1983 San Diego County (California) Academic Decathlon are presented. The program description discusses the background, subject coverage, and rules of the Academic Decathlon, a program to promote academic excellence among high school juniors and seniors through competition. The Academic Decathlon program, which originated in 1968 in Orange County (California), now includes state, national, and international competitions featuring individual and team events. The publicity materials provide additional descriptions of the program, maps of the competition site, lists of the board of directors and of the sponsoring companies, a time schedule, room locations for the individual competitions, a list of participating schools, and a newsletter article describing the program. This document was selected by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Task Force on Public Confidence as descriptive of a promising practice or exemplary project worthy of highlighting for the California educational community. (DC)

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An already established state and national event, the first Academic Decathlon was held for San Diego County schools on November 19, 1983. The program originated in Orange County 15 years ago. The Academic Decathlon is a unique method of promoting scholastic excellence among students by providing a format in which 11th and 12th graders can compete in several subject areas. The ten-event competition measures and rewards academic strengths on both team and individual levels. Students are tested in the areas of economics, science, grammar and literature, fine arts, mathematics, and social science, in addition to participating in three communications tests--a written essay, a prepared and impromptu speech, and an oral interview. A Super Quiz, which tests students in a team, "college bowl" style, highlights the activities.

The Academic Decathlon includes students from all academic backgrounds. A six-member team from each participating school consists of two students who have "A" grade point averages, two students with "B" averages, and two students with "C" averages. The winning team in the local Decathlon has the opportunity to go on to compete in the California Academic Decathlon, the United States Decathlon, and the World Academic Decathlon.

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PURSUING EXCELLENCE

SAN DIEGO COUNTY ACADEMIC DECATHLON

. . . a program that rewards academic excellence through competition

Saturday, November 19, 1983
9:00 a.m.
Patrick Henry High School
6702 Wandermere Drive, San Diego

More than 200 local high school students will be competing for individual and team honors as well as for the right to represent their school and San Diego County in the California Academic Decathlon. Students participate in 10 academic events, including six written exams in economics, fine arts, grammar and literature, mathematics, science, and social science. Each participant also competes in three communications tests: a written essay, a prepared and impromptu speech, and an oral interview.

SUPER QUIZ
(begins approximately 2:30 p.m.)

The public is invited to cheer for their favorite school in this final and most exciting decathlon event.

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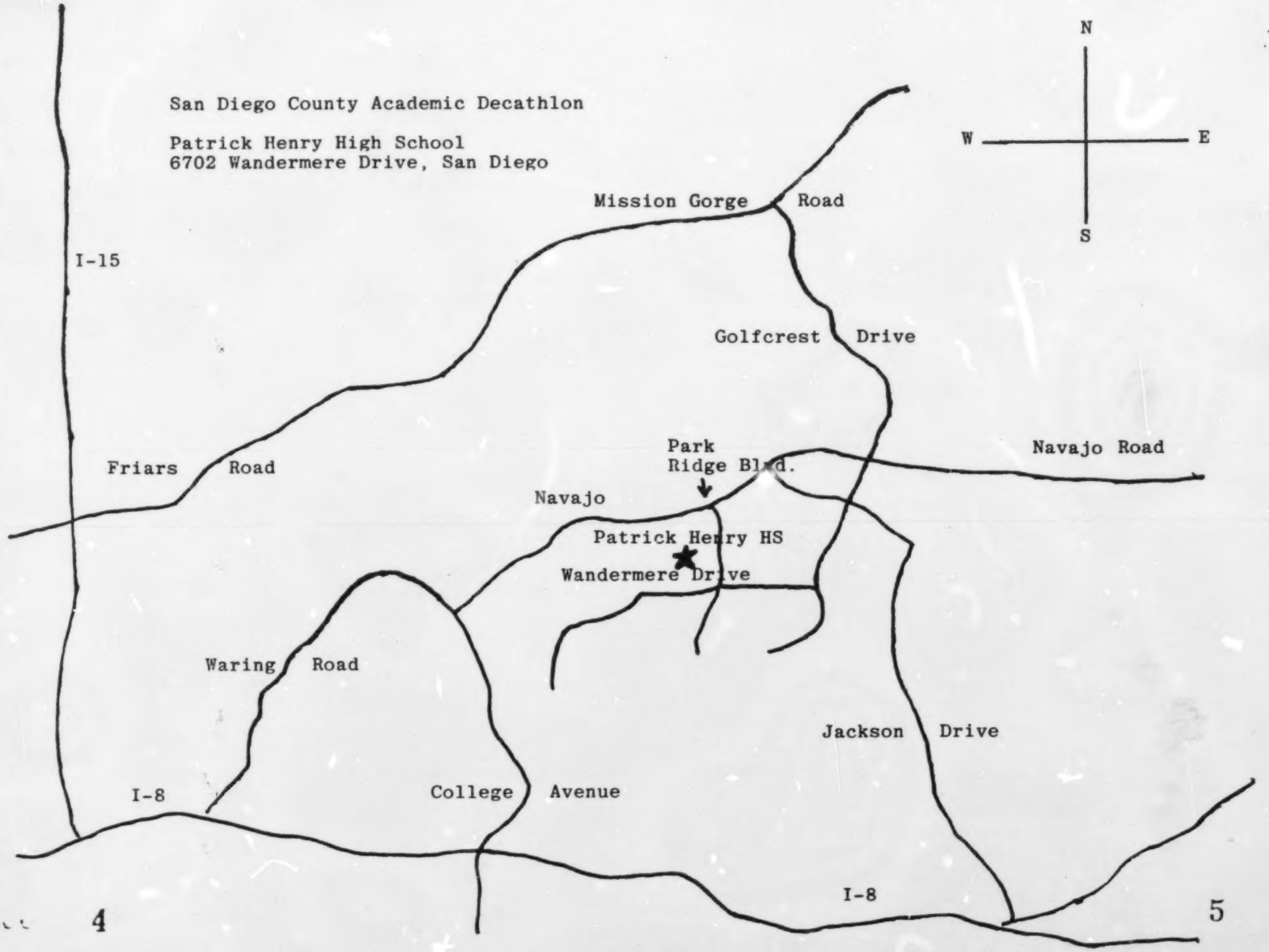
San Diego County Academic Decathlon
Patrick Henry High School
6702 Wandermere Drive, San Diego
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S
Mission Gorge Road
I-15
Golfcrest Drive
Friars Road
Park
Ridge Blvd.
Navajo Road
Navajo
Patrick Henry HS
Wandermere Drive
Waring Road
Jackson Drive
I-8
College Avenue
I-8

For the development of our finest resource . . .

YOUTH

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ACADEMIC DECATHLON

PURSUING EXCELLENCE

The GOAL of the Academic Decathlon . . .

- to provide a unique opportunity for youth to receive recognition for academic excellence

RESULTS . . .

- future academic and personal success for the students
- benefits for society as a whole

For more information on the
ACADEMIC DECATHLON
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A primary purpose of the Academic Decathlon is to promote student achievement by providing a format in which 11th and 12th grade students compete in a variety of subject areas.

Written examinations in . . .

Economics
Fine Arts
(Music & Art History)
Grammar & Literature
Mathematics
Science
Social Science

Communication tests include . . .

Writing an Essay

Delivery of a Prepared and Impromptu Speech

Oral Interview

plus . . .

SUPER QUIZ

A team event held before a large audience

This year, for the first time, we will be conducting the San Diego County Academic Decathlon. Teams of 11th and 12th graders from public and private schools are invited to compete.

This unique competition is designed to include students from all academic backgrounds.

The six-member team from each participating school consists of:

- 2 students with the highest grade point average possible
- 2 students with "B" grade point average
- 2 students with "C" grade point average

The winning San Diego County team has the opportunity to compete in:

- California Academic Decathlon in December
- 1984 United States Decathlon in April
- World Academic Decathlon

WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

This decathlon is sponsored by business and industry, the military, and local organizations that encourage and support the personal and academic growth and accomplishments of the county's youth.

1983
SAN DIEGO COUNTY ACADEMIC DECATHLON

PURSUING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Saturday, November 19, 1983
Patrick Henry High School

Foreword

This year, for the first time, San Diego County 11th and 12th graders are participating in the Academic Decathlon, a 10-event competition which measures and rewards academic strengths on both the team and individual level.

The winning six-member team will represent its school and San Diego County in the California Academic Decathlon, December 28-30 in Orange County. In addition, students will be competing for individual overall honors and for recognition in each of the academic events. These include tests in economics, grammar and literature, fine arts, mathematics, science, social science and the Super Quiz, a team event held before a large audience. Students also participate in three communications tests: a written essay, a prepared and impromptu speech, and an oral interview.

The Academic Decathlon is a unique means of fostering scholastic excellence among San Diego County high school students who represent a wide diversity of personal and academic backgrounds and interests. These students are coached by high school teachers who devote many hours in helping their students prepare for the rigors of competition day. In addition, hundreds of businesses and community members have volunteered resources and time to make San Diego County's first Academic Decathlon a success.

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San Diego Clippers

San Diego Padres

San Diego Symphony

Smart and Final Iris Co.

Master Time Schedule

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Registration	Quad area
	Officials Orientation	
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Proctors	B 25 - B 26
8:45-9:15 a.m.	Speech Judges	B 9
8:45-9:15 a.m.	Interview Judges	B 10
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Runners	B 8
8:15-8:45 a.m.	Coaches & Students Orientation	Gymnasium
9:00 a.m.	Contestants Report to Homerooms Test Instructions	
9:05 a.m.	Begin First Test Period — Make-Up Test	Homerooms
9:30 a.m.	Judges Report to Homerooms	Homerooms
9:40 a.m.	Language & Literature Test	Homerooms
10:10 a.m.	Break Period & Refreshments	Cafeteria
10:25 a.m.	Contestants Report to Homerooms Test Instructions	
10:30 a.m.	Fine Arts Test	Homerooms
11:05 a.m.	Science Test	Homerooms
11:35 a.m.	Lunch Period	Cafeteria
12:25 p.m.	Contestants Report to Homerooms Test Instructions	
12:30 p.m.	Social Science Test	Homerooms
1:05 p.m.	Mathematics Test	Homerooms
1:35 p.m.	Break Period & Refreshments	Cafeteria
1:50 p.m.	Contestants Report to Homerooms Test Instructions	
1:55 p.m.	Economics Test	Homerooms
2:25 p.m.	Testing Periods Over	
2:45-4:00 p.m.	SUPER QUIZ	Gymnasium
	Welcome Henry W. Lawrence, Principal Patrick Henry High School	
	Host Dr. Gerald A. Rosander, Superintendent San Diego County Office of Education	
	Host Dr. Thomas Payzant, Superintendent San Diego Unified School District	
	Master of Ceremonies C. Hugh Friedman, President State Board of Education	

Homeroom & Test Module Locations

Honor Contestants

MODULE 1

Homeroom 318
Interview Room 316
Speech Room 322

MODULE 2

Homeroom 312
Interview Room 306
Speech Room 310

MODULE 3

Homeroom 303
Interview Room 302
Speech Room 304

MODULE 4

Homeroom 313
Interview Room 307
Speech Room 309

Scholastic Contestants

MODULE 1

Homeroom 319
Interview Room 317
Speech Room 323

MODULE 2

Homeroom 216
Interview Room 214
Speech Room 218

MODULE 3

Homeroom 215
Interview Room 213
Speech Room 217

MODULE 4

Homeroom 114
Interview Room 207
Speech Room 209

Varsity Contestants

MODULE 1

Homeroom 116
Interview Room 120
Speech Room 122

MODULE 2

Homeroom 119
Interview Room 123
Speech Room 125

MODULE 3

Homeroom 117
Interview Room B31
Speech Room B32

MODULE 4

Homeroom 111
Interview Room B29
Speech Room B30

Participating Schools

Borrego Springs Unified School District

Borrego Springs High School

Carlsbad Unified School District

Carlsbad High School

Coronado Unified School District

Coronado High School

Escondido Union High School District

Escondido High School

Orange Glen High School

San Pasqual High School

Fallbrook Union High School District

Fallbrook High School

Grossmont Union High School District

El Cajon Valley High School

Granite Hills High School

Grossmont High School

Helix High School

Monte Vista High School

Mount Miguel High School

Santana High School

Mt. Empire Unified School District

Mt. Empire Junior-Senior High School

Poway Unified School District

Mt. Carmel High School

Poway High School

Ramona Unified School District

Ramona High School

San Diego Unified School District

Clairemont High School

Crawford High School

Kearny High School

Mira Mesa High School

Patrick Henry High School

Pt. Loma High School

University City High School

San Dieguito Union High School District

San Dieguito High School

Torrey Pines High School

San Marcos Unified School District

San Marcos High School

Sweetwater Union High School District

Montgomery High School

Southwest High School

Vista Unified School District

Vista High School

Awards Banquet

The awards banquet for all Academic Decathlon participants will be held Tuesday, December 6, at the Town and Country Hotel. The winning school and individual award winners in the numerous categories will be announced at this time.

REGISTRATION ..... Cafeteria

INTERVIEW JUDGES ORIENTATION ..... B 10

SPEECH JUDGES ORIENTATION ..... B 9

INFORMATION HEADQUARTERS 601

VISITORS CENTER 601

SCORING/DISTRIBUTION CENTER ..... Auditorium

JUDGES LUNCHROOM ..... Faculty Dining Room

ADDITIONAL EATING FACILITIES ..... B 7 and 101 Non-Smokers B 35

NON-SMOKERS LOUNGE ..... B 35

SMOKERS LOUNGE 101

FIRST AID ..... Nurse's Office

SUPER QUIZ ..... Gym

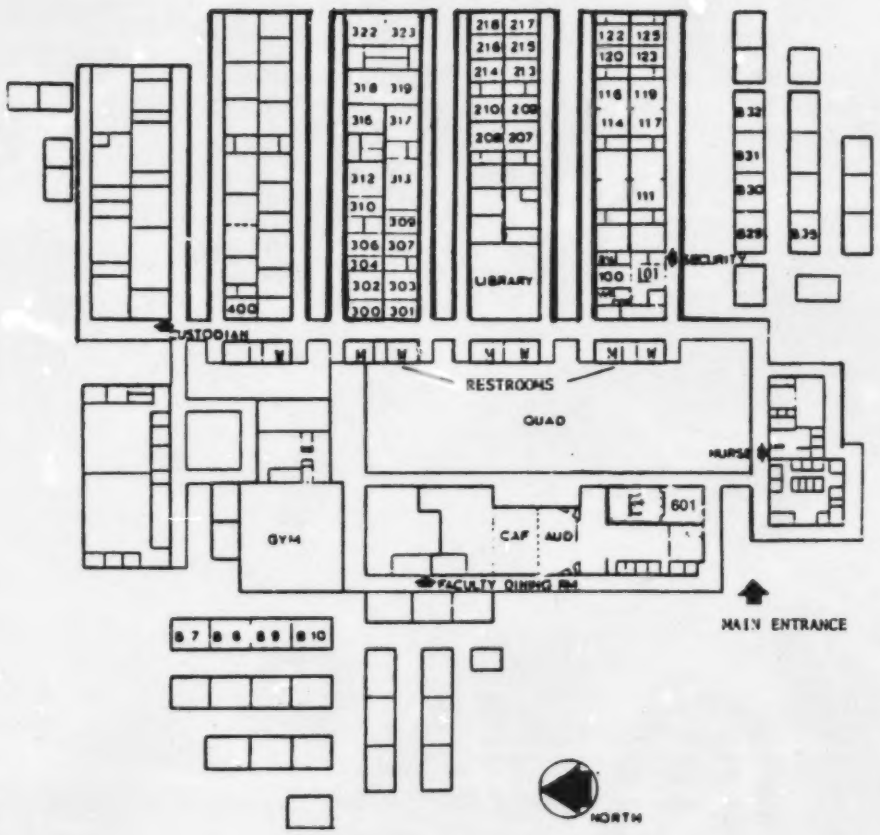
RUNNERS ..... B 8

MODULES

Homeroom	*Speech Room*	*Interview Room*
114	209	207
116	122	120
117	B32	B31
119	125	123
215	217	213
216	218	214
303	304	302
312	310	306
313	309	307
318	322	316
319	323	317

PATRICK HENRY HIGH SCHOOL

6702 Wandermere Dr.
San Diego, California 92120



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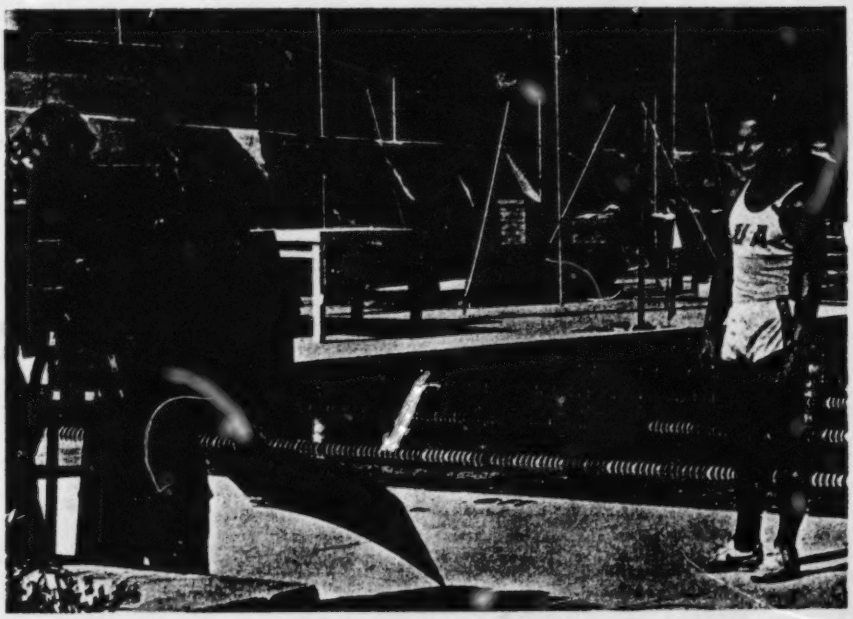
Academic Honors On line



Champion Olympic diver Greg Louganis of El Cajon is promoting San Diego County's Academic Decathlon in a public service announcement airing over local television stations. Louganis compares the thrill of academic competition to that of athletic contests, emphasizing the dedication required in both. The Academic Decathlon will be held November 19 at Patrick Henry High School.

High school students countywide are getting into shape for a contest later this month which they hope will bring them and their school recognition and honor.

More than 200 juniors and seniors from 37 high schools are preparing for the Academic Decathlon on November 19, a grueling day-long competition that rivals any CIF championship for excitement.

Competition begins at 9 a.m. at Patrick Henry High School, 6702 Wandermere Drive, San Diego.

The winning team will represent San Diego County in the state decathlon December 28-30 in Orange County. National competition is set for next April in Los Angeles.

In addition to the county team winner, numerous individual awards will go to the highest scorers in the various examination categories. Names of the winning school team and of the individual winners will not be announced until the decathlon awards banquet for all participants and their coaches December 6 at the Town and Country.

Each school team must include two students with "A" grade point averages, two students with "B" averages, and two students with "C" averages. All students answer the same questions and all students' scores contribute equally to the total team effort, but only like average students compete against each other for individual honors.

The competition consists of 10 events, including six multiple choice exams in economics, fine arts, grammar and literature, mathematics, science, and social science. Each participant also competes in three communications tests: a written essay, a prepared and an impromptu speech, and an oral interview.

The written essay portion of the decathlon will be completed a week prior to the actual event, with scores posted the morning of competition day.

Classmates, parents, and other observers are invited to don school colors and cheer for their team in the final decathlon event, the Super Quiz, which will begin approximately 2:30 or 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the Communications Unit at the County Office of Education, 292-3719 or 292-3710.